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EXAMINER: T. McKenzie

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bernard Belleau et al

SERIAL NO: 09/760,380 FILING DATE: January 16, 2001

PROCESS FOR PREPARING SUBSTITUTED 1,3-OXATHIOLANES WITH ANTIVIRAL

PROPERTIES

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

IMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

11/11/11/11 Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, 14, 16-20, and 22-25.

Please add the following new claims:

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--35. A process comprising:

reacting a mercaptoacetaldehyde with a compound of formula R_vOOCCHO, wherein R_v is C_{1-12} alkyl or C_{6-20} aryl to obtain a compound of formula (XV)

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converting the hydroxyl group of the compound of formula (XV) to a leaving group L to obtain a compound of formula (XVI):

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